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TOP SECRET [REDACTED] CITE CIA/IAS 0559
THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE CIA/IMAGERY ANALYSIS STAFF:

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1. A STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT THE NARO FOMINSK PROBABLE

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ABM PHASED ARRAY RADAR FACILITY (DOGHOUSE), OPERATIONS AREA B, INDICATES THAT A LARGE AREA IN FRONT OF THE NORTHERN ANTENNA FACE WAS CLEARED OF TREES LAST WINTER. THIS LEAVES THE AREA FREE FROM MAJOR VERTICAL OBSTRUCTIONS FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF ABOUT 700 FEET IN THE DIRECTION OF BORESIGHT [REDACTED]

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2. THE CLEARED AREA IS FAN-LIKE IN SHAPE. IT EXTENDS OUTWARD FROM EACH END OF THE ANTENNA STRUCTURE AT AN ANGLE OF APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES FROM BORESIGHT. IF THIS IN FACT REPRESENTS THE TOTAL SECTOR SCAN OF THE DOGHOUSE NORTHERN FACE, THIS SECTOR WOULD BE ONLY ABOUT 60 DEGREES, RATHER THAN THE 90 OR 100 DEGREES PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED IN ANALYSIS OF THIS RADAR.

3. THIS CLEARING OPERATION APPEARED COMPLETE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND COULD BE NEGATED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHEN THIS AREA WAS LAST SEEN [REDACTED]

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THE EXTENT OF THE CLEARING APPEARED UNCHANGED FROM THE DECEMBER COVERAGE. NO CLEARING ACTIVITY OF THIS TYPE HAS YET OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE SOUTHERN ANTENNA, PROBABLY BECAUSE THIS ANTENNA IS LESS ADVANCED IN CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS.

4. NO KNOWN PRECEDENT EXISTS TO HELP EVALUATE THIS CLEARING ACTIVITY; AT THE DEPLOYED DUAL HEN HOUSE FACILITIES WHERE TREES WERE PRESENT IN FRONT OF THE ANTENNAS, TREE CLEARANCE HAS NOT OCCURRED ON THIS SCALE.

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